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## **AMENDMENT**

SIR:

In response to the Office Action of October 15, 2007, kindly amend the above-captioned application without prejudice as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.